

BANISHED BY THE EMPEROR.

Lieutenant Fedor Von Rauch an Exile by Imperial Mandate.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A recent episode in the Imperial family of Germany gave rise to apprehensions for the mental soundness of the ruler.

With many admirable qualities, the Emperor William is undoubtedly a creature of intense and erratic impulses, and of violent passions. Upon occasions his friends have been filled with grave forebodings concerning his ability to control his own violent temper.

The Emperor is naturally of a jealous and imperative disposition. It was the influence of these traits that led to the banishment from Berlin of Baron Fedor von Rauch, a handsome Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Second Battalion of the Eleventh Brunswick regiment of Uhlans, the crack dragon corps of the Imperial Guard.

The entire scandal has been successfully suppressed in Germany. Upon his banishment Von Rauch came to this city. The Emperor, influenced by trivial incidents, accused the Baron of harboring too deep an admiration for the Empress, whose character is as pure and noble as any lady's of the European courts. Owing not less to his personal qualities than to the prestige of his rank and lineage, Baron Von Rauch had been favored with the friendship of the present ruler of Germany long before the latter became Emperor. The Baron was received in the Imperial family on the footing of a trusted friend and favorite companion. In his profession he is said to have evinced such decided military talent that he was promoted about a year ago to the adjutancy of his regiment, not yet having completed his twenty-sixth year. The fact that no man of his age ever before held the adjutancy of a regiment in the army may indicate the value of such distinguished recognition of his ability. The Baron's future seemed on all sides a brilliant one.

One day in September, 1891, Baron Fedor von Rauch said good-bye to his mess comrades and sailed for New York, an exile from Court, from family, from society and the fatherland. His departure naturally created much surprise. Gradually, however, it became whispered that Von Rauch had been banished after a scene that came near resulting in a tragedy. This was prevented, it is now understood, by the timely intervention of Count Waldersee and the elder Baron Von Rauch. It is told in Berlin Court circles that Baron Fedor had been making an afternoon call at the Palace, as usual, bringing with him the notes of a new musical composition of his own. While Von Rauch was chatting about music with the family the Emperor left them to attend a meeting of the Council in another part of the Palace. Von Rauch and several other persons remained in the Empress's apartment.

When the Emperor returned, about an hour afterward, it is said that he discovered the Empress and the young Lieutenant alone, conversing in low tones and apparently so absorbed that they did not notice the Emperor's approach till startled by the first outburst of his wrath. The scream of the Empress brought Count Waldersee and the young man's father hastily from an adjoining apartment just in time to save their young kinsman from personal violence, perhaps death, at the hands of his infuriated sovereign. So enraged was William that those old friends had the greatest difficulty in quieting him.

At first he swore that the young Baron should not leave the palace alive. He even demanded that swords should be brought and a duel fought then and there. When at last persuaded that such action would be disastrous not only to himself and his family but to the nation, he consented to allow young Rauch to depart.

"Go," the Emperor is alleged to have exclaimed as his former friend retired, "go from this house and from Germany forever. Your life is protected by the curse of a crown which denies me the poor rights enjoyed by every other husband in Germany, even to the lowest."

The young Baron came to New York last September accompanied by Director Ballin of the Hamburg-American Packet Company. He was at once placed at a desk in the New York office of the company, under Mr. Carl Schurz, the American manager. There he was known simply as Mr. Von Rauch, and nominally served as a clerk. With the exception of a short trip to Boston, he remained in New York.

During the entire time of his stay in this country it is suspected that he was more or less under the surveillance of agents or representatives of the German Empire. The Baron returned to Germany as suddenly as he came, on April 2d last, sailing on the Normannia. During the recent illness of the elder Baron Von Rauch, preceding his recent death, which was undoubtedly hastened by the misfortune which his son's indiscretion brought upon himself and upon the Imperial family, Countess Waldersee is said to have used all her influence to secure the Emperor's permission for the return of the son to his dying father's bedside. Even after the old Baron's death the Emperor could be induced only to allow Baron Fedor to return to his native land for a period long enough to assume possession of his inheritance, and insisted that his stay in Germany should not exceed a fortnight. This condition, in fact, was exactly complied with. The Baron retained his apartments while away, taking with him only sufficient baggage for the journey, and returned to New York within six weeks of the day of his departure.

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